

Application No.: 10/082,318

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**REMARKS**

The Office Action and prior art relied upon have been carefully considered. Applicant notes the indicated allowability of claims 13 and 14, subject to being rewritten in independent form. Further, claims 21-29 have been allowed.

The foregoing amendment rewrites claims 13 and 14 in independent form so that they should now be allowed. Further, dependent claims 15-20 have been rewritten so they are multiply dependent upon independent claims 13 or 14. Since the independent claims have been indicated as allowable, these dependent claims 15-20 should likewise be allowed. Claim 30 is believed to be allowable for the reasons to be set forth hereinafter.

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings for failing to show the formation of a cutting groove between adjacent transducers as specified in claim 30. Attached to this amendment is a proposed change to Fig. 1(h) which indicates this limitation of claim 30. Applicant request approval of the proposed drawing change and a corresponding allowance of claim 30.

At the top of page 3, the Examiner finds no description of the phrase in claim 21 dealing with the formation of a fixed electrode in the first surface of a substrate forming a diaphragm layer made of a conductive material over a sacrificial layer. However, the subject matter of claim 21 is clearly disclosed in the embodiment illustrated in Figs. 5(a)-5(h). The Examiner's attention is also called to a corresponding description on page 33 of the specification. Accordingly, sufficient description and illustration of the claimed feature has been provided in the application as filed thereby furnishing the required antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter.

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

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